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SUBJECT: ALLIED STATEMENT IN BERLIN ON NICO HUEBNER

REF: A) BONN 7981; B) BONN 7509; C) USBERLIN 984;
D) BONN 7996; E) STATE 103684

1. IN VIEW OF THE DEADLOCK IN THE BONN GROUP ON
ALLIED ACTION ON THE HUEBNER CASE AND THE DESIRE OF
THE FRG AND THE SENAT TO HAVE A PUBLIC STATEMENT
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ISSUED BEFORE BREZHNEV'S ARRIVAL, THE DEPARTMENT
WOULD BE PREPARED TO AGREE WITH THE COMPROMISE
DEMARCHE AND PRESS STATEMENT CONTAINED IN REF B.
US REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD PRESS FOR INCLUSION OF A
STRONGER REFERENCE TO THE DEMARCHE IN THE PRESS
STATEMENT AS PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPH 20 OF REF A BUT
IS AUTHORIZED IN THE EMBASSY'S DISCRETION AND WITHOUT

FURTHER APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT
A REASONABLE COMPROMISE ON BOTH TEXTS WHICH WILL
ENABLE THE BONN GROUP TO REACH A PROMPT CONSENSUS.

2. CONCERNING THE DEFENSIVE PRESS LINE (PARA 16. REF A),
WE WOULD PREFER THE LANGUAGE WE SUGGESTED IN REF E
WHICH DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ALLIES HAVE DONE MORE THAN
CONTINUE TO ASSERT ALLIED RIGHTS OVER THE EASTERN
SECTOR. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT FRENCH
FORMULATION, HOWEVER, IF NECESSARY TO REACH AGREEMENT.

3. WE WOULD QUESTION THE UTILITY OF GOING AHEAD
WITH A PRESS STATEMENT AT THIS LATE DATE IN THE ABSENCE
OF A DEMARCHE. IF THE FCO REMAINS ADAMANTLY OPPOSED
TO A DEMARCHE, WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD RELY ON
THE MARCH 22-23 STATEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN PRESS
SPOKESMAN AS THE DEFINITIVE ALLIED VIEW AND NOT RAISE
THE MATTER AGAIN WITH THE PRESS. WE WOULD STILL HAVE
TO REPLY TO LORENZ AND THE BERLIN OFFICE OF THE HUMAN
RIGHTS SOCIETY BUT TIMELINESS IN REACHING AGREEMENT
ON THESE REPLIES WOULD BE LESS IMPORTANT.

4. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE DRAFT PRESS STATEMENT
PROPOSED BY THE UK (PARA 3 OF REF A) IS DESIRABLE.
WHILE WE AGREE THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD NOT INTERVENE
ON BEHALF OF THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED IN THIS CASE,
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WE MIGHT WISH TO DO SO IN ANOTHER CASE AT SOME TIME
IN THE FUTURE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD IMPOSE
SUCH A RESTRAINT ON OURSELVES NOW.

5. WE HAVE NOTED USBER'S COMMENTS ABOUT THE REFERENCE
TO "QUADRIPARTITE LEGISLATION" IN THE PRESS STATEMENT
IN REF B BUT ARE PERSUADED (REF D) THAT IT IS NOT
CRITICAL TO OUR ARGUMENT AND THAT ATTEMPTS ON OUR PART
TO CORRECT THE STATEMENT WOULD RESULT IN ADDITIONAL
DELAYS. VANCE

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